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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IN THAILAND -- UNHCR

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1. DEPARTMENT DISAPPOINTED IN MISSION'S RESPONSE TO REFTEL
A. GIVEN GRAVITY AND SERIOUS NATURE OF ISSUE WE
EXPECTED THAT SUBJECT OF REFTEL WOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN UP
WITH HCR SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN HIMSELF AND NOT WITH HIS DEPUTY
MACE. FYI: SAME ISSUE BEING DEALT WITH IN BANGKOK BY
CHARGE' WITH PRIME MINISTER.

2. MISSION WAS CORRECT IN RESPONDING TO MACE THAT THAI
SOVEREIGNTY NOT IN QUESTION. WHAT IS IN QUESTION IS
UNHCR'S RAISON D' ETRE WHICH IS THE PROTECTION OF REFUGEES
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WHEREVER THEY MIGHT FIND THEMSELVES. WE WOULD HOPE AND
EXPECT THE HCR TO BRING THE FULL MORAL INFLUENCE OF HIS
OFFICE TO BEAR IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE PROTECTION TO
THE ASYLUM SEEKERS IN THAILAND AND PREVENT THEIR REFOULE-
MENT.

3. WE, OF COURSE, WILL BE INTERESTED TO HEAR THE RESULTS

OF THE UNHCR SEPT. 1 STAFF MEETING. THE MISSION SHOULD
CONTINUE TO PURSUE THIS MATTER CLOSELY AT THE TOP LEVEL TO
INSURE THAT UNHCR IS TAKING ALL POSSIBLE APPROPRIATE
MEASURES.

4. MISSION SHOULD ALSO RESPOND TO PARA 8, REFTEL A. WE
DO NOT REGARD MACE'S UPCOMING VISIT TO WASHINGTON TO BE A
SATISFACTORY SUBSTITUTE FOR EARLY MEETING OF DEPTOFFS
WITH HCR SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN FOR PURPOSE DISCUSSING RANGE
OF IMPORTANT MATTERS RELATING TO INDOCHINESE REFUGEES.
PLEASE ADVISE. CHRISTOPHER

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